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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 35

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

December 1, 2008

An act to ~~amend Section 66903 of~~ *add Section 88550.7 to the* Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 35, as amended, Furutani. Education: workforce development.

Under existing law, the public school system of the state includes, among other schools, secondary and technical schools. Existing law provides for various career technical and workforce preparation programs in the public schools.

Existing law also establishes the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law declares that it is the intent of the Legislature that those institutions provide a collegiate experience that gives each student specified skills and that an undergraduate education prepare students to have the flexibility to adapt to, among other things, new workforce needs.

Existing law establishes the California Postsecondary Education Commission as the statewide postsecondary education planning and coordinating agency and provides for its functions and responsibilities, including advising the Legislature and the Governor on matters related to postsecondary education.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a strategic plan in the education system for workforce preparation and career technical education.

This bill would require the California Postsecondary Education Commission *and the Office of the Chancellor and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges* to develop a strategic plan for connecting education and workforce development in the state. The bill would require the commission *and the Office of the Chancellor* to cooperate with the State Department of Education, the California Workforce Investment Board, and representatives from education, business, and labor organizations to make specified recommendations in the strategic plan. The bill would require that the strategic plan include specified provisions. The bill would require the commission *and the Office of the Chancellor* to report ~~its~~ *their* recommendations for the strategic plan to the Governor and the Legislature on or before July 1, 2011. *The bill would require the Office of the Chancellor to provide the staffing and resources necessary for developing and reporting the strategic plan.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation to develop a strategic plan in the education system for
3 workforce preparation and career technical education.
4 SEC. 2. *Section 88550.7 is added to the Education Code, to*
5 *read:*
6 88550.7. (a) *The California Postsecondary Education*
7 *Commission, the Office of the Chancellor of the California*
8 *Community Colleges, and the Board of the Governors of the*
9 *California Community Colleges shall develop a strategic plan for*
10 *connecting education and workforce development in the state. In*
11 *cooperation with the State Department of Education, the California*
12 *Workforce Investment Board, and representatives from education,*
13 *business, and labor organizations, the commission and the Office*
14 *of the Chancellor shall make recommendations in the strategic*
15 *plan that address the contribution of academic and career technical*
16 *education, at all levels of education, to workforce development.*

1 ***(b) The strategic plan shall include, but is not limited to, all of***
2 ***the following provisions:***

3 ***(1) How the state determines appropriate measures for***
4 ***evaluating and collecting data on future workforce needs.***

5 ***(2) The alignment of workforce needs with future postsecondary***
6 ***education programs and capacity at both the state and regional***
7 ***levels.***

8 ***(3) Strategies for fostering long-term improvements in workers'***
9 ***skills and knowledge.***

10 ***(4) Methods for closing the skills gap and strengthening the***
11 ***nexus between education and the workforce.***

12 ***(5) Appropriate measures for improving data collection on***
13 ***future workforce needs.***

14 ***(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the commission and***
15 ***the Office of the Chancellor solicit input from K–12 and***
16 ***postsecondary education institutions, local workforce investment***
17 ***boards, regional occupational centers and programs, adult school***
18 ***programs, and other appropriate governmental entities in***
19 ***developing recommendations for the strategic plan.***

20 ***(d) (1) The commission and the Office of the Chancellor shall***
21 ***report their recommendations for the strategic plan to the***
22 ***Governor and the Legislature on or before July 1, 2011.***

23 ***(2) (A) The requirement for submitting the report imposed***
24 ***under paragraph (1) is inoperative on January 1, 2015, pursuant***
25 ***to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.***

26 ***(B) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall***
27 ***be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government***
28 ***Code.***

29 ***(e) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community***
30 ***Colleges shall provide the staffing and resources necessary for***
31 ***developing and reporting the strategic plan developed pursuant***
32 ***to this section.***

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**All matter omitted in this version of the bill
appears in the bill as amended in the
Assembly, January 4, 2010. (JR11)**

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